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RUSSIA'S NEW FLEET COMPLETE IN TEN YEARS

Every War Vessel to Have Duplicate Complement of Guns.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 20.—Representatives of the Russian admiralty submitted to-day to the commission of national defence of the Douma the financial outline of the much discussed naval programme. The matter was discussed with open doors instead of in private, as had been expected. The programme is to be completed in 1917, and it includes not only the construction of a fleet of battleships, but also hydrographic work at several of the ports of Russia. The expenditures involved amount to \$1,078,000,000, and increase yearly from the \$45,500,000 already included for the laying of four new battleships to a maximum of \$125,000,000 in 1914. The expenditure then decreases to \$85,000,000 in 1918, and the subsequent expenditures are to be maintained at this figure.

One of the features of the programme is a duplicate complement of guns on every ship to be constructed.

QUAKE FELT AT VIENNA.

Shock So Pronounced It Displaced Seismographic-Pencil.

Vienna, Feb. 20.—An earthquake shock, lasting two seconds, occurred here at 10:06 last night. No damage is reported, but so strong was the shock that the pencil at the seismographic station was displaced.

"BE HONEST IN FUTURE."

Hon. Mr. Hyman Gives Thief \$20 and Lets Him go Free.

London, Ont., Feb. 20.—Henry J. Curtis, alleged to be the son of a millionaire who has been employed as a bookkeeper at the tannery of Hon. Mr. Hyman, opened a combination safe last night and after taking five hundred dollars cash from the safe bought a ticket for St. Louis. Just as he was about to board the train the head bookkeeper had him detained. When Mr. Hyman was not there, he gave Curtis twenty dollars and told him to go to St. Louis and try to be honest in future.

AUSTRALIA'S SUBMARINE FLEET.
Fleet of Ten With Attendant Destroyers to Be Constructed.

London, Feb. 20.—Australia proposes to have a fleet of ten submarines with attendant torpedo boat destroyers. The first of them will be obtained in Great Britain, and afterwards, by arrangement with contractors, other vessels will be ordered at Australian ports. New six-inch guns are also being ordered for coast defence.

EVELYN ONCE MORE
CREATES SENSATION

Dines at Cafe Boulevard With Bankrupt—May Forsake H. K. Thaw.

New York, Feb. 18.—Mrs. Evelyn Thaw created a ripple of excitement last night by dining in public at the Cafe Boulevard. The pretty wife of the young Pittsburgher appeared at the restaurant with E. R. Thomas, the bankrupt financier, and sat at a small table.

A few minutes later some one recognized Mrs. Thaw and everybody in the place was soon gazing at her. Evelyn was noticeably annoyed, especially when Thomas frequently left the table to consult with his lawyer in an adjoining room.

May Forsake Harry.

New York, Feb. 20.—Harry Thaw's mother admitted to-day she wanted her son to forsake Evelyn. Thaw himself was not at the restaurant.

Mrs. Thaw said: "Until Harry does, if he sticks to his wife, he must bear the annoyance of such acts as Monday night's dinner at the Cafe Boulevard. I have read Evelyn's denial of the report, but she was there with a man named Thomas. It sounds very much like other denials she has made."

DOOM OF CHESTER GILLETTE.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 20.—Chester Gillette, of Portland, convicted of the murder of his sweetheart, Grace Brown, of South Osticke, is to die in the electric chair during the week beginning March 30th.

THROUGH SIBERIA.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 20.—Premier Skobelev has given orders to the governors of Yuktukan, Eastern Siberia and Primor, the eastern maritime province to assist in every way possible the contestants in the New York to Paris auto race in their journey through Siberia.

OFFER FOR WINNIPEG BONDS.

(Special to the Times.)
Winnipeg, Feb. 20.—An offer has been made to the city to purchase ten millions worth of city bonds at 85.

U. S. SENATOR DEAD.

Washington, Feb. 20.—Senator Latimer, of South Carolina, died this morning.

IN CHARGE OF H. M. S. EGERIA.
Captain John F. Parry Appointed in Succession to Captain Learmonth.

(Special Correspondence.)

London, Feb. 4.—Captain John F. Parry has been appointed to the command of the survey ship Egeria. His many British Columbian friends will be pleased to hear that he is to succeed Captain F. C. Learmonth in the command of the Egeria, as he was extremely popular when he was her skipper two years ago. He was latterly engaged in the survey of Malta harbor.

In addition to the officers named already in those waters, Engineer Sub-Lieutenant Seath has been appointed to the Egeria in charge.

GUERRILLA WARFARE IN MANCHURIA

CHINESE DRIVE OUT JAPANESE SOLDIERS

Yellow Men Show Resentment Against Mikado's Army of Occupation.

Portland, Ore., Feb. 20.—A dispatch has been received in Portland from Hongkong and other Chinese cities that a species of guerrilla warfare has broken out in Manchuria between the Japanese soldiers who make up the army of occupation and the native Chinese who are bent on driving out of the country the representatives of the powers whom they fear as an encroaching menace.

It is said in these advices that several conflicts have already occurred between the soldiers and the people and that the Japanese have been driven entirely out of the towns on the Hsi Bi and En Tai Hop Gl.

The fact that trouble exists between this country and Japan is well known to well-informed Chinese of this city and all look upon the situation as serious, some of them even say, that a long and bitter struggle has begun.

CRISIS IN CAB TRADE.

Auto Company Suspends Operations in Berlin—Over Production the Cause.

Berlin, Feb. 20.—The auto cab business in Berlin is in a bad way, one of the leading companies suspending operations this week and is now trying to arrange for a reorganization. The crisis is due to the over production of both auto and horse cars. A number of German auto cab manufacturers have been working recently on American orders, but latterly this business has been slackening off.

SAVED IN NICK OF TIME.

Boy Snatched From Bed in Burning House in Charlottetown.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Feb. 20.—Fraser Macdonald, of Hampton, was attending a temperance meeting when he received word that his house was on fire. He ran a mile to the burning building and entered just in time to save his adopted son, a nine-year-old boy, who was asleep in the house. He had just snatched him from bed, when he was buried under the bricks from the falling chimney.

The dwelling was totally destroyed with a loss of \$1,500.

LAW SHIELDING
DRUCE CASE "PERJURER."

Insanity Commitment Sharply Questioned by U. S. Commissioner.

New York, Feb. 20.—The commitment of Robert Caldwell to a state insane asylum while he was under bail to appear before United States Commissioner Alexander to answer "a charge of perjury brought against him by the British government" was the subject of some sharp questions by the commissioner when the case came before him yesterday. Caldwell was the witness in the famous Druse-Duke of Portland case who testified that he knew Druse as the Duke of Portland.

His counsel, W. C. Cobell, informed Commissioner Alexander that his client had been committed to an insane asylum by an order of a justice of New York state supreme court. The counsel for the British government stated that they were not informed that Caldwell was to be placed in an asylum, and that Caldwell's previous failure to appear before the commissioner to answer the charges of perjury was attributed to physical disability only, without any mention of mental trouble.

"Did you not come to me and ask about the federal procedure for committing an insane person before Caldwell landed in this country?" asked the commissioner. "You must have had this matter in view before he landed. Never again will a man arraigned before me for extradition be admitted to bail."

Counsel for the British government was asked what action his client would take to secure possession of Caldwell, but he replied that he would need an adjournment of two weeks to ascertain the wishes of Great Britain. The hearing was postponed until March 4th.

HARRIMAN WINS IN RAILROAD WAR

COMPLETE VICTORY OVER STUVEYSANT FISH

Injunction to Restrain Voting of Illinois Central Shares is Dissolved.

REVELATIONS COMING.
Prince de Sagan Will Expose Cousin, Count Boni de Castellane.

Paris, Feb. 20.—A magistrate took the deposition of Prince Hadel de Sagan in accordance with his charges of forgery against an unknown author of letters which Count Boni de Castellane, his cousin, produced in court during the course of the recent assault case. Prince de Sagan maintained accusations both against the former and against Count Boni, as the user of the forged documents, and promised interesting revelations in the near future.

PRESIDENT OF FARMERS' BANK.

Toronto, Feb. 20.—Dr. Beattie Nesbitt, at the meeting of the Farmers' Bank yesterday, retired from the presidency, and the directors immediately met and appointed Col. James Munro president, John Gilchrist, vice-president, and W. R. Travers, general manager.

STOESSEL IS
CONDENMED TO DIE

St. Petersburg, Feb. 20.—Lieut-General Stoessel has been sentenced to death.

The court demands that the sentence be commuted to ten years' imprisonment.

HID BY DAY IN
CHINESE COFFIN

AT NIGHT DISGUISED
AS RUSSIAN GIRL

Melodrama of Two Continents Bound Up in Horace G. McKinley.

Portland, Feb. 20.—No melodrama could surpass the story of Horace G. McKinley, an Organ land fraudster, against whom over a hundred indictments are pending, and who will reach here to-morrow morning from France.

The bill alleged that the defendants held a controlling part of the outstanding stock of the railroad company. Mr. Fish averred that the board of directors was dominated by E. H. Harriman, and said that the voting of this stock should not be allowed, as it would injure the interests of himself and other stockholders.

On November 26th complainants appeared in court and dismissed their bill in so far as it related to the 5,000 shares of stock held by the Mutual Life Insurance Company. The defendants then presented a motion to dissolve the temporary injunction. Arguments upon this motion were continued several days and were long and exhaustive. The decision of Judge Ball was on the motion to dismiss the injunction. During these arguments the annual meetings of the Illinois Central railway would have previously been continued from time to time.

The bill originally filed by Mr. Fish was based on the theory that the public policy act of Illinois prohibited foreign corporations from holding and voting stock in Illinois corporations, save in certain exceptions allowed by statute.

The complainants contend that the fact that certain violations were allowed by the statute proved that the public policy act should hold good in this instance.

AUSTRALIA WILL HAVE
GREAT ARMY

Representative on His Way to England to Study Transportation.

Dr. Dubouchet Was Arrested on Charge of Aiding Russian Revolutionists.

Odessa, Feb. 20.—Dr. Dubouchet, the American citizen who was arrested recently in Odessa on the charge of being connected with the revolutionary organization, of which he will be a member, was released yesterday afternoon at the jewelry establishment of M. Waldhorn & Co., Royal street.

Two men drove up in front of the store in a buggy. One of them alighted and smashed one of the large plate-glass windows in front of the store. He seized two trays filled with diamonds and jumped into the buggy, which was driven off. A large crowd started in pursuit, but the men, buggy and horse were soon lost to sight in a cloud of dust in the old French quarter.

The proprietors of the jewelry store say the tray contained 112 diamonds.

PURE CONDENSED MILK.

Ottawa, Feb. 20.—The Inland Revenue Bulletin urges that a legal standard for condensed milk be established.

THOUSANDS WANTED
FOR RAILWAY WORK

General Booth Says Salvation Army is Considering Canadian Offer.

(Special to the Times.)

London, Feb. 20.—Five hundred of the eight hundred emigrants sailing to-day to go to British Columbia under the terms of the Salvation Army agreement with the British Columbia government are mainly agricultural laborers and female domestics.

General Booth addressing them, de-

FRENCH TROOPS ROUTED BY MOORS

CASA BLANCA ARMING
AGAINST MULAI HAFID

General D'Amade Cut Off from Settat—Greatest Anxiety Prevails.

Paris, Feb. 20.—A special dispatch from Tangier states that the French steamer Maloc from Casa Blanca reports that Gen. D'Amade, venturing too far beyond Settat, had his communications cut by the followers of Mulai Hafid, who in great force routed all the French outlying posts. The greatest anxiety prevails, it is said, at Casa Blanca.

Spanish troops are preparing to defend the city according to the report brought by the Maloc and marines have been landed from the French cruiser Kleber. It is further reported that a French column stationed not far from Rabat has been defeated by the tribesmen with great loss.

Primer Clemenceau last night issued a vehement denial of the reports that fresh troops had been ordered to Morocco or that Gen. D'Amade had withdrawn the garrison from Casa Blanca, adding that the latest dispatches from Rear Admiral Philippot stated that all was calm.

BRUTAL MURDER.

Dismembered Body of Man Found in Flatbush District of Brooklyn, New York.

New York, Feb. 20.—The dismembered body of a man believed to have been a victim of a mysterious Black Hand murder was discovered in a dump in the Flatbush section of Brooklyn to-day. The trunk of the body had been cut in two and portions of the arms and legs were missing, while the face was so slashed as to make the features almost unrecognizable. The severed portions of the body were wrapped in cloth and tied in two separate packages. Some clothing remained on the body. Detectives are at work on the case.

CRUSADE AGAINST BARS.

Toronto, Feb. 20.—The Ontario branch of the Dominion Alliance, which meets in annual convention in a few days, will demand of the Ontario government the immediate enactment of a law abolishing the bar and making the treating system a criminal offence.

CHARGED WITH FORGERY.

Portland, Ore., Feb. 20.—H. C. Freen, formerly private secretary to J. C. Fargo, president of the American Express Company, was arrested here last night at the request of the New York state authorities on charges of forgery and defalcation.

DARING ROBBERY
IN NEW ORLEANS

Plate Glass Windows Smashed and Diamonds Taken Worth \$50,000.

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New Orleans, Feb. 20.—A \$50,000 diamond robbery in broad daylight in the heart of New Orleans with hundreds of persons passing at the time, was perpetrated here yesterday afternoon at the jewelry establishment of M. Waldhorn & Co., Royal street.

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AMERICAN AUTO.

STILL IN LEAD

Russian Government Will Help Cars Speeding Through Siberia.

London, Feb. 20.—The Times is still in the market according to a statement made by the solicitors now engaged in the litigation over the newspaper's disposal. Its proprietors, it is said, favor its sale by some form of public competition, and any proposal or scheme in this direction would be submitted to the judge having charge of the case.

Montreal, Feb. 20.—Hon. Dr. Beaumer, minister of public works for Ontario, was unanimously chosen by North Essex Conservatives for the next provincial elections.

QUEBEC'S NEW GOVERNOR?

Montreal, Feb. 20.—It is reported that Hon. Arthur Boyer will

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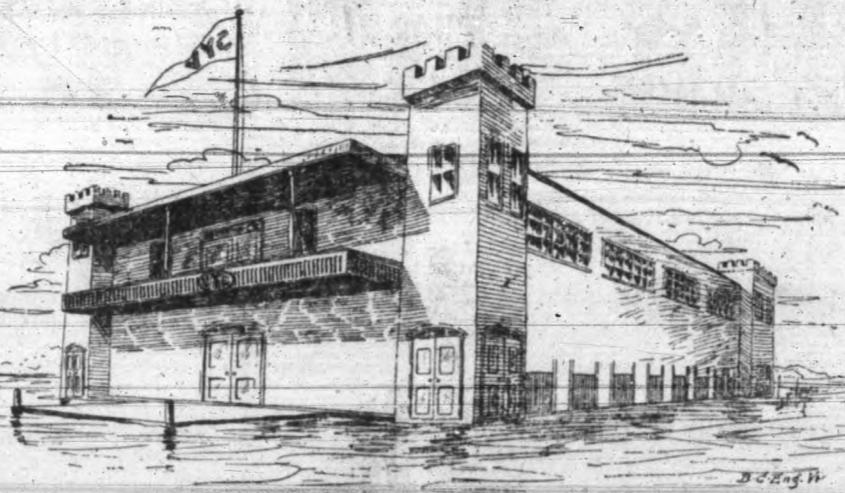
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At the regular meeting of the Victoria Association Football League, held in the Y. M. C. A. rooms last night, it was decided to purchase medals for the members of the winning team. A committee, consisting of C. G. Duncan and E. M. Whyte, was appointed to make the purchases.

Ed. Whyte will be unable to play in the soccer match on Saturday as his leg, which has been troubling him since he was kicked at Ladysmith some weeks ago, has been getting worse, and this morning he had to



PROPOSED HOME FOR VICTORIA YACHT CLUB.

The yacht club house shown above is in the style of building the committee will recommend to the yacht club to erect. It is a floating house 125 feet long and 75 feet wide with two stories, the lower exclusively for motor boats, and the upper for drying sails and for club rooms.

This motor garage and yacht club house is estimated to cost \$4,500 and the committee will have a complete scheme

outlined to finance the same so that work may be commenced at once. It will have a capacity for 20 motor boats each 25 feet long. There will also be a float and shed at the back where the dinghies for use as tenders for the yachts may be stored.

The meeting to-night in the offices of P. L. Negle will be of a semi-public nature, anyone interested in yachting or motor-boating being invited to at-

tend. It is understood that a club meeting will be held within a few days in order to allow the new applicants for membership to be elected before the annual general meeting of the club. In that way the new members will be able to take their share in the election of officers and the general policy of the club.

The meeting to-night is called for 8 o'clock.

INCREASED CARGAGE CHARGE.

Two Cents per Hundred Pounds Will Be Charged After March 1.

Montreal, Feb. 20.—On March 1st the Canadian railways will increase the cargage charge on the delivery of consignments of freight from one and a half to two cents per hundred pounds. This increase has been rendered necessary by the increased cost of delivery due to an increase of wages, keep of horses, and other expenses which have led the delivery companies to increase their charges to the railways.

BRITAIN WITHDRAWING TROOPS FROM TIBET

Movement is Preparatory to Signing of Anglo-Chinese Treaty.

Peking, Feb. 19.—The final signing of the Anglo-Chinese treaty concerning Tibetan trade has been delayed by differences which have arisen over several minor points. The British legation here, however, has informed China that the British troops who have been stationed in the Chumbi Valley in Tibet, are being withdrawn, and this movement to evacuate Tibet before the signing of the treaty is interpreted as an act of good will, the purpose of which is to facilitate an agreement.

The Dalai Llama, the ruler of Tibet, who fled from Lhasa when the British forces under Col. Younghusband entered that city in 1904, is expected soon at Wu Tai in Shanxi province, where there is a Buddhist monastery. An envoy of the Dalai Llama has gone to Peking and has presented the greetings of the Tibetan nation to the representatives of the powers there.

CANADA'S OLDEST WOMAN IS DEAD

Mrs. Elizabeth Lunn Had Attained Ripe Age of 119.

(Special to the Times.)
Hamilton, Feb. 20.—Word has been received here of the death near Waterford of Mrs. Elizabeth Funn, the oldest woman in Canada. Mrs. Funn was an Indian woman, and claimed to be 119 years of age.

She had many children, but they pre-

deceased her, and she had resided for

the past few years with her grand-
daughter, Mrs. Henry Mike, who is

now an old woman. Until five years

ago Mrs. Funn was in possession of all

her faculties, but since then she has

been totally blind, otherwise she en-
joyed good health until her final sick-
ness. For over 100 years she had been

drawing the Indian allowance.

Ladysmith, Feb. 20.—Engine No. 10 on the short line track ran into an open switch at 10 o'clock last night and was derailed. Engine No. 11, a small yard engine with Clifford Lemathy at the throttle, pulled her on this morning.

No. 10 was found to be practically uninjured. The miners were delayed in going on shift about two hours.

Frank Hobbs, proprietor of the Frank Hobbs hotel, returned after a few days' visit to Victoria.

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E. & N. ENGINE DERAILED.

Accident Due to Open Switch on Short Line Back of Ladysmith.

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The cemetery committee is still working on the plan for the permanent up-keep of the cemetery at Ross Bay. They met last night and made some progress, but they are not yet ready to report.

DIED.

BAIRD.—In this city on the 19th inst., at the residence of Mr. John Black, 819 Government Street, Mr. Louis Black, beloved daughter of Thomas Black, aged 62, a native of Pembroke, Ont.

The funeral will take place from the residence as above on Saturday, February 22, 1908, at 2:30 p.m. Interment in Ross Bay cemetery.

Friends will kindly accept this intimation. Quebec papers please copy.

HART.—At St. Joseph's Hospital on the 19th inst., Rabah Ursula, beloved wife of Henry Hart, aged 51 years.

Funeral will take place from family residence, 94 San Juan avenue, Friday, at 2 p.m. No flowers.

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TO LET—Furnished house, \$12.00 per month. Apply 1012 Grant street.

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WANTED—Work by machinist and engineer. Address W. H. Jones, Beaumont P. O. B. C.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE LAND ACT

PROVISION MADE FOR DEALING WITH G. T. P.

Changes Proposed in Bill Brought Down to the Legislature Yesterday.

The bill introduced by the chief commissioner yesterday to amend and consolidate the laws affecting crown lands, makes quite a few changes with respect to the land and water laws of the province. With respect to the pre-emption of surveyed land, wherein it is specified that the applicant must make a declaration as to the land, the following provision is added:

Provided, however, that in cases of the survey of lands by the crown, or of lands the survey of which has been gazetted, in which the area of a lot, or of a sub-division of a township, exceeds one hundred and sixty acres, the chief commissioner of lands and works shall have power to permit of a pre-emptor recording such lot or sub-division, but such excess area shall in no case be more than twenty acres:

Provided further, that any person desiring to pre-empt in a quarter section of land being a sub-division of a townsite, or a portion of a surveyed lot, the survey of which has been gazetted, must confine such application to one particular quarter of such section or lot, or legal sub-division thereof, and shall not be permitted to include any portion of another quarter section, or lot, or any additional land outside the boundaries thereof.

Another section provides for hand loggers' licenses being issued in the northern part of British Columbia. It is as follows:

1. In addition to the special license authorized by section 53 of this act, and notwithstanding the reserve placed upon timber by order in council, dated 24th December, 1907, the chief commissioner of lands and works may, upon payment of the sum of \$500 therefor, grant a general license to any person to cut timber from such crown lands, not being timber limits, situated on the mainland or British Columbia, and north of an imaginary line drawn east and west from Rivers Inlet, and west of the 127th meridian, and within such area as may be specified or designated in such license; but such license shall be personal, and shall only grant authority to the person named therein to cut timber as a hand logger, and such license shall be in force for one year from the date thereof, and no longer.

A proviso is made respecting Indian reserve lands which gives the government the power to deal with the G. T. P. in respect to the Indian lands at

Prince Rupert, concerning which negotiations are now in progress. It reads as follows:

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Another new section reads as follows:

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AMERICA'S TRADE SUFFERS IN ORIENT

U. S. Will Interfere in Manchuria on Behalf of China.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 19.—Rumors to the effect that the state department intended to address a protest to Japan against her attitude in Manchuria, and that this was to be done upon the lines of the Chinese-American agreement, met with an unequivocal denial at the state department. It is admitted that complaints have been made to the department that American trade is suffering in the Orient, but it is believed that other causes than Japan's attitude are responsible.

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BUSINESS OF THE LEGISLATURE

SEVERAL BILLS WERE ADVANCED A STAGE

John Jardine Objected to Superannuation Clauses of Civil Service Measure.

In the legislature yesterday a number of bills were advanced a stage. One of the important bills of the session, that relating to the crown land laws, was introduced. The new sections of the bill are referred to in another column of the present issue.

John Jardine took exception to the superannuation clauses of the civil service bill now before the House and wanted these struck out.

Provision is made for provincial parks in a bill introduced by Hon. F. Carter-Cotton.

Press Gallery, Feb. 19. The House met at 2:30 o'clock. Home Act.

Mr. Macdonald introduced a bill to amend the Provincial Home Act.

New Bills.

The attorney-general introduced a bill to amend the Juries' Act; also a bill to amend the Bills of Sale Act.

Hon. Mr. Fulton introduced a bill to amend the Interpretation Act.

Mr. Oliver moved that an order of the House be granted for a return of a copy of the Bulletin for the writing of which Mr. F. L. Clarke has been paid the sum of \$200. See votes and proceedings of February 14th, 1908.

The motion passed.

Questions Answered.

Dr. Kergin asked the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following questions:

1. For how much of the 25,645 acres surveyed by Mr. A. W. Harvey in the Kispiox valley had applications for purchase been made previous to survey?

2. For how many acres had applications for pre-emption been made previous to survey?

3. How many acres were available for pre-emption after completion of survey?

4. Will the applicants to purchase unsurveyed lands, which have since been surveyed by the government, be required to pay cost of survey?

Hon. F. J. Fulton replied as follows:

1. None. Some advertised but not applied for.

2. None.

3. \$548 pre-emption; \$548 purchase; \$548 university (purchase).

4. Yes; 25 cents per acre.

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Hon. Mr. Fulton replied as follows:

1. 320 acres (exclusive of scrip land.)

2. None.

3. All except 320 acres previously pre-empted, and approximately 1,140 acres scrip land.

4. Yes; 25 cents per acre.

Note.—About 40,600 acres of above survey are in Bulkley valley, the remainder lying to the south.

John Oliver asked the Premier the following question:

What action has been taken by the government in respect to the resolution of the House passed on April 15th, 1907, re freight and passenger rates?

Hon. Mr. McBride replied as follows:

An order in council, setting forth the matter as embodied in the resolution was transmitted by His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor to the Dominion government, through the Hon. the Secretary of State, Ottawa, on April 17th, 1907.

An acknowledgment, dated April 23rd, 1907, was received by His Honor from the Hon. the Secretary of State.

The matter was also set out by the Hon. the Provincial Secretary in a letter dated April 17th, 1907, to the board of railway commissioners of Canada, Ottawa, and an acknowledgment, dated April 23rd, 1907, was received from Mr. A. D. Cartwright, secretary of the commission.

Railway Bills.

The bill to authorize the Ladyamith Lumber Company to construct and operate a logging railway, passed third reading.

The bill to incorporate the Crows Nest and Northern Railway Company was further considered on report, when the following amendments were incorporated therein on motion of Mr. Ross:

That no aliens shall be employed on the railway during construction unless it is demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council that the work cannot be proceeded with without the employment of such aliens.

That the workmen, laborers or servants employed in or about the construction and operation of the railway shall be paid such rate of wages as may be currently payable to white workmen, laborers and servants engaged in similar operations in the district in which such railway is constructed and operated.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite observed that the member for Fernie had apparently brought in the amendments to cover up the tracks he made in voting against Mr. Williams' anti-Oriental clause of the previous day. He suggested that it would not be difficult to satisfy the government that white labor was not available.

John Oliver pointed out that such provisions embodying the term "alien" had been declared unconstitutional.

The bill to incorporate the Vancouver and Nicola Valley Railway Company was committed, Fred Davy in

ONCE MORE WELL

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notably in the case of the Union Colliery Company, and that it would, therefore be ineffective in this bill.

The report on the bill was adopted.

Third Reading.

The bill respecting the Dominion Trust Company passed third reading.

The bill to incorporate the Eastern British Columbia Railway Company (the Corbin bill) was committed, C. W. Munro in the chair.

On motion of W. Ross the following sections were substituted for sections 3 to 21, as they stood in the bill as it was introduced to the House:

3. The company may lay out, construct and operate a railway of the gauge of four feet eight and one-half inches from a point on the south fork of Michel creek, at or near the point known as "The Loop," on the Crow's Nest branch of the western division of the Canadian Pacific railway; thence running in a southerly direction up the east fork of said creek, thence up said east fork of said south fork in an easterly and southerly direction to a point in the southerly boundary of Lot 6,999, Group 1, Kootenay district, a distance of fourteen miles, more or less: Provided that nothing in this act or in the Railway Act contained shall be deemed to authorize the company to build any branch line to any point nearer the international boundary of said Lot 6,999.

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THE PUBLIC INTEREST IN
TIMBER.

Timber men and consumers of timber in the United States, we gather from observations in American newspapers, are deeply interested in the virgin forests of British Columbia and their probable disposition. But the interest displayed in the East in based upon grounds entirely different from the grounds we as the owners of the timber ought to have in the matter. The timber supply of the United States is running short. A timber famine is in sight. The supply has not been exhausted, it is true, but it is approaching so near to the point of exhaustion as to materially affect some industries. It is already affecting one industry and that industry one of unquestioned political influence, so prejudicial that an imperative demand has arisen for the abolition of the duty on pulp wood. We refer, of course, to the newspaper industry. The proprietors of the great journals of New York have recently drawn attention to the fact that their business has become unprofitable owing to the operations of the paper trust. These newspapers insist that the duty on pulp wood or on paper shall be removed in order that they may have access to the supplies still existing in abundance in Canada. But the manufacturers of the United States have exercised their hitherto unquestioned prerogative. They have vetoed the demand of the newspaper men. It remains to be seen which influence is the more powerful in Congress. In the meantime the prerogative of the legislature to put off the evil day has been exercised. The newspaper proprietors have been told there shall be no revision of the tariff until after the presidential election.

The New York Post, whose opinions on the timber question we published the other day, assumes that the government of this province has taken measures to conserve our wealth in timber. We know such is very far from being the fact. Some authorities claim enough of our timber wealth has been alienated to meet all probable demands for a hundred years. It is an admitted fact that all immediately accessible sources of supply have passed into the hands (principally) of speculators, mostly from the United States. More than six million acres have been staked and leased. The government only stopped the game of grab after its friends had satisfied themselves.

Speaking to a representative of the Nelson News lately, Mr. G. O. Buchanan, president of the Interior Board of Trade, a practical lumberman, said: "We were unable in the meeting of the Board of Trade at Moyle to endorse in any sense the request of the lumbermen for an extension of the term of their leases from 21 to 45 years, which we construed to mean practically life tenure. We took the ground that the government under its license system never intended to convey more timber than that required for immediate use. If men have improvidently loaded themselves up with a hundred years' cut of timber under leases which are only good for 21 years, they have no right to expect the government to surrender entirely its reversionary rights in order to make good their specifications. A few years ago the leases were annual, with no agreement for renewal. At the request of the lumbermen the term was extended first to five years, then to sixteen and then to twenty-one, the legislature always taking the ground that they desired to let out of their hands only so much timber as was required for immediate purposes, retaining the balance for a better price later on."

"As to the value of timber in the near future," continued Mr. Buchanan, "it is apparent that in a few years British Columbia will have almost a monopoly and will get her own price. Stumpage in Ontario, Wisconsin and Minnesota is now bringing from \$10 to \$12 a thousand feet, and in less than 20 years it will be worth that here."

Mr. Buchanan being asked as to whether there were not many local men loaded up with timber holdings, he replied: "Unfortunately there are a few, but I believe the bulk of the 10,000 licenses that have been taken out in the last few years are already in the hands of non-residents, mostly aliens. These men bought from the locators at nominal prices and in full view of the limitations of the license. Any beneficial change now granted would accrue chiefly to the benefit of foreign speculators and enable them in years to come to more effectually pinch the resident British Columbia mill owner."

"How much timber has the government let out?" Mr. Buchanan was asked.

"Under these new licenses about 6,500,000 acres, said to contain somewhere about 100,000,000,000 feet. The sales reported last year were just short of half a billion feet, and even of this cut it must be remembered, that half the mills in the province were working on Dominion leases or old provincial leases or on granted lands."

"Has the province still a large amount of timber ungranted?"
"If they have," replied Mr. Buchanan, "it is because of the thousand men who were cruising last summer knew where to find it. I mean, of course, good, accessible timber."

"Do the lumbermen agree that the government may take the royalty?"

"Yes, but they know perfectly well the royalty can never be increased to any appreciable extent because many mills are located where they have access to inferior timber only, or to such as is too costly to log. These mills cannot stand a high royalty."

"What course do you advocate?"

"The government is to sit tight, to make no changes in the law without investigation, to issue no more licenses upon any terms until it is evident that a legitimate demand exists for timber for manufacture, and to then provide for the sale of the right of the timber berths by public auction."

"At Ontario prices, what would the government derive upon lands carrying 25,000 to the acre, which is said to be a very ordinary stand for this province?"

Mr. Buchanan's views are of interest as showing the manner in which the available timber wealth of the province, property which should have been administered for the benefit of its owners, the public, has been dissipated by the McBride government.

THE WEATHER AND OTHER THINGS.

The telegraph reports another severe blizzard in the East, affecting practically all parts of the country. Only a few weeks ago the same telegraph told us the winter in the frigid zone had been the mildest on record, whereas at the inhabitants and the railway companies clapped their hands. Favorable weather with light snowfall had saved transportation interests millions of dollars."

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because he has lately appeared in court on behalf of private clients, and that at a time when his presence appeared to be necessary. Robert Cassidy, K. C., is an able man, we admit, but he is not Mr. Bowser, and the point involved is most important.

A Trial Jury Association is to be formed in New York. Members of the two juries which sat upon the case of Mr. Thaw are eligible. The object is said to be to keep green the memory of the many days spent in hearing the evidence of Evelyn and others, to discuss ethical questions bearing upon brain-storms, the un-written law and such other subjects as may be of interest to the ex-jurors in their state of emancipation. The association will dine in convocation at least once a year. Mr. and Mrs. Thaw, if the marital bonds hold, may be guests of honor at these functions; Ye, the world do move.

Ambassador Heid cannot understand why the idea should have got abroad that a war between Japan and the United States was imminent. Neither can anyone else, unless the idea was founded upon the statement of Admiral Bob Evans that the fleet was to be sent to the Pacific prepared for either a fight or a frolic.

The depression has hit Victoria in a peculiar way. Although the month of February is only about half over, the building permits already exceed those of previous month, while the total for the new year is more than \$111,000.

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The Nippon Yusen Kaisha liner Tosa Maru, Captain J. Nagao, arrived at the outer wharf yesterday afternoon after a run of fifteen days from Yokohama. The Tosa Maru, a vessel of about 3,000 tons of which only 14 tons consisting of rice and provisions were for this port. When two days out from Yokohama a stowaway named Aalao was found in the hold and after being made to work hard for his food he was ordered to be deported.

This morning Dr. Milne, Dominion Immigration Officer, upon visiting the vessel found more stowaways. These together with the one found last evening and the quartermaster, who is charged with ridding the stowaways, have been placed under arrest and sent to jail awaiting deportation. This is the third time in compliance with an arrangement reached by which he will go back to the Tosa Maru and be tried for the alleged offence in Japan.

The Tosa Maru had a number of infectious diseases on board and was not held at quarantine. The officers stated that the smallpox scare in Kobe was being successfully combated and gradually stamped out.

The steamship proceeded to-day to William Head quarantine to take on board the passengers which were detained from the Tosa Maru and who are bound for San Francisco. The officers of the Tosa Maru were allowed to leave on board their steamer when she left a few days ago. The passengers were all detained however. To-day the passengers bound for United States ports will be allowed to go on board the Tosa Maru of the same line. The passengers for Canadian ports will be detained some days longer.

The new provincial inspector, L. H. Watson, who was appointed under the Immigration Act, was not on hand yesterday when the steamer arrived, neither could he be found. In all 34 passengers landed, one second-class steerage and a stowaway for deportation.

Originally, 48 Japs were booked to land here, but on being read the conditions pointing out that they could not go into the United States or, if they were, they could not come back into Canada, only 28 were allowed to land by Dr. Milne.

WEST COAST
SHIPPING REPORT

(By Wireless.)

Tatooch, Feb. 20, 9 a. m.—Clear; wind east, 18 miles; barometer 30.43; temperature, 41.

Pachena, Feb. 20, 9 a. m.—Clear; wind west.

Estevan, Feb. 20, 9 a. m.—Clear, frosty and calm.

Tatooch, Feb. 20, 1:30 p. m.—Clear; wind northeast, 26 miles; barometer, 30.40; temperature, 45.

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Notice is Given to Mariners
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MARINE NOTES.

The C. P. R. steamer Amur on her last trip took north a large quantity of machinery for the Canadian Pacific Sulphite Pulp & Paper Company at Swanson Bay. The company has a large staff of men at work there now, preparing for the manufacture of pulp.

The C. P. R. steamer Princess Beatrice will leave to-morrow night for Skagway, taking the run of the Princess May.

STRANGE SERIES OF WEDDINGS.

Seven Members of One Family Marry
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The funeral took place at Merstham, Surrey, England, recently of Mrs. Mary Ann Maynard, who reached the age of 100 on February 18th last, on which date she was the recipient of an autograph letter of congratulation from the Queen.

A remarkable fact in connection with Mrs. Maynard's life was that she was one of seven members of her family who married seven sons and daughters of a neighboring farmer named King.

Of the 26 members of the two families, Mrs. Maynard saw all but five carried to the grave. Mrs. Maynard was a woman of a particularly happy disposition.


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Local News

To make room for large spring stock, The Elite will sell \$3 and \$4 hats for 50c.

Try the 35c lunch and dinner at the Cosy Corner Cafe.

Removal Sale of Stores, Bungalows, etc. A. J. Clyde, 42 Johnson Street.

Tools, knives and scissors ground. Waites Bros., 59 Fort St.

If you do not rest well, it rests you to have your pillows and mattresses renovated at the Sanitary Feather Works. Phone 392 and they will do the rest.

This evening at 8:30 o'clock the annual banquet of No. 3 Company, Fifth Regiment, will be held at the Victoria hotel members of the company must appear in uniform.

A meeting of the Phenological Society will be held in the Y. M. C. A. rooms at 8 o'clock this evening all are welcome. Free readings are given.

E. Hodgson, of this city, has gone to Malvern Island for the purpose of superintending coal boring operations there that are to be carried out for a local syndicate.

The building inspector is calling for tenders for the removal of the store and dwelling on lot 332, Humboldt street, which building encroaches on the street line, and in order that the sidewalk may be laid it will have to be moved back several feet.

New Arrivals—Embroidered Muslin Waists, 50c. to 45c. Embroidered and Lace Trimmed Skirts, 75c. to 45c; Corset Covers and Drawers, 25c. to 45c; Night Gowns and Chemises, 50c. to 45c; Fine Wash Ginghams, 15c. per yard; Ladies' White Norfolk Gofers, and Silk Gloves. Prices to please. Robinson's Cash Store, 55 Yates St.

The arrangements for the ball to be given in the A. O. U. W. hall by the sergeants of the Fifth Regiment on February 28th are going ahead rapidly and everything points to a successful dance. Members of the company are requested to send in their invitations to the secretary, H. Earl, before Saturday, February 22nd.

Last evening Court Victoria, A. O. F. held their regular meeting in the Sir William Wallace hall and initiated three new members and received several propositions for membership. After the business of the lodge was transacted a social evening was participated in by a large number of members and friends. Refreshments were served during the evening.

Last evening the reception given by the Women's Christian Temperance Union in the rooms of the Y. M. C. A. to the new members was a most pleasant affair. Mrs. Asa Gordon, of Ottawa, addressed the meeting and was given an attentive hearing by those present. Mrs. Brace rendered several musical selections. Refreshments were served during the evening.

A representation of Vancouver timber men, consisting of W. J. Patterson, J. M. McMillan, E. P. Brenner and Mr. Dunlevy, waited on the provincial government yesterday with reference to the extension of the 21 year license and other matters placed before the executive some weeks ago. It is said that the government has not yet come to a final decision in the matter.

Last evening the Victoria Loyal True Blue Lodge, No. 27, held their regular meeting and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Worshipful master, Sister Walker; deputy master, Sister Clark; chaplain, Sister Smith; recording secretary, Sister Walsh; treasurer, Mr. Dunaway; director of ceremonies, Sister Hosking; conductor, Sister Tait; inside guard, Sister Martin; outside guard, Sister Brenner; committee messrs. Hosking, Dunaway and Walsh and Sisters Clark and Tait.

The residents of Victoria West are asking the provincial government to complete the portion of Douglas road which lies in that municipality. In this connection a deputation waited on the government yesterday, H. D. Helmcken, K. C. acting as spokesman for the party which embraced among others, the following gentlemen: W. J. Cave, G. E. Munro, T. E. Bowes, W. F. Thompson, F. Painter and W. Bucksberg. The deputation received a promise that the government would have the matter reported on and that further steps would be considered.

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There will be a meeting of the members of Calgary Baptist church in the hall, Blanchard street, this evening for the purpose of considering the resignation of the pastor, Rev. F. T. Tapscott, M. A.

As well as building permits, real estate is pretty active just now, a number of small sales taking place. By the sale of a building lot on Linden avenue to William H. P. Sweeney, about \$1,500 changed hands.

Victoria Lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F. will hold its regular meeting on Friday evening and among other business the initiatory degree will be conferred on candidates. The new paraphernalia recently acquired will be worn. Victoria Lodge is preparing for the annual roll call, which takes place some time in March.

Yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock Lee Dack Ming, who has been felling trees in the neighborhood of Sidney for Lee Gung, was killed by the falling of a tree. The remains were brought to town and removed to Hanna's undertaking parlors. Funeral arrangements will be made later.

This morning at 8:45 o'clock, the funeral of the late Elizabeth Heneage took place from Hanna's chapel to St. Andrew's cathedral where high mass was conducted by Rev. Father Galway. There was a large attendance of sympathizing friends and many beautiful flowers were sent. The following acted as pallbearers: E. H. Fletcher, M. B. Lloyd, F. W. Blankenbark, A. S. Barton, J. D. Hinton, & Booth.

DEATH OF MISS BAIRD.

Deceased Had a Large Circle of Intimate Friends in This City.

The many friends of Miss Louise L. Baird will be greatly shocked to hear of her death which occurred yesterday morning about 10:30 o'clock at the residence of her brother-in-law, Capt. John Black, 55 Hillside avenue. Although deceased had been in precarious health for some time past, the end came as a painful surprise to her family and friends.

The deceased was a member of the First Presbyterian church, and always took an active interest in church work. She was a native of Pembroke, Ontario, and came to British Columbia about ten years ago with her family. Her father, T. M. Baird, a pioneer of the San Juan district, four brothers, A. J. M. J. and H. A. R. Baird, of Pipestone, Manitoba, and her sister, Mrs. (Capt.) John Black, survive her. The funeral will take place on Saturday at 2:30 p. m. from 55 Hillside avenue.

In connection with the successful ball given on Tuesday evening in the Empress hotel, special credit is due to Mrs. Harry Pooley and Mrs. Robin Dunsmuir with whom the idea of holding such a function originated. These two ladies who were assisted later by active committees and the Knights of Columbus, carried the event to a successful issue.

Frances now realizes \$80,000.00 from her tobacco crop.

**THE CITY AND
 ELECTRIC WIRES**
**SUBJECT DISCUSSED
 AGAIN IN COMMITTEE**

Clause of Victoria's Bill
 Strongly Opposed by Corporations Interested.

Agreement was not reached with respect to all the points of conflict between the city and electric companies before the Municipal Committee yesterday. The clause proposed to empower the city to cause electric wires to be placed underground, and which was warmly contested by the legal representatives of the companies, remained in dispute, on adjournment, and the fight thereon was continued with strengthened force on both sides this morning.

In the city's interests the mayor and committee were supported by W. J. Taylor, K. C., who took the lead in controversy in favor of the clause. The company interests, in addition to E. V. Bedford, K. C., and H. G. Barnard, K. C., were represented by A. T. Goward, local manager of the B. C. Electric Company and Mr. Farrell of Vancouver, president of the telephone company.

On behalf of the companies it was argued that the clause would give a power to the city which would amount virtually to the cancellation of the contract which permitted them to construct their wiring systems overhead, whilst Mr. Taylor contended that the provision for compensation ought to meet all reasonable objections to the city having the right to compel wires to be placed underground, where such a course became desirable in the public interest.

The company representatives also maintained that the clause was too wide in that it would enable the city to compel them to place their wires underground over the whole system within their jurisdiction, and that this would be a tremendously expensive undertaking. They did not know what the city might do, and this would lend an element of uncertainty to their interests which would work them injury financially.

Mr. Taylor replied that the city's point of view was that they did not know what the companies might do, that the clause only afforded room for the exercise of administrative intelligence, in the public interest; and that no injury could result from the existence of such an empowering clause, which contained a compensating guarantee.

Major Hall pointed out that the conduits on Government street were installed at the city's expense, with a view of obviating the redisturbance of the pavement against the idea that the wires would be placed underground on that thoroughfare. He pointed out the absurdity of the objection that this might mean a reduction in the value of the electrical system which would work depreciation on the companies, remarking that it looked as if the companies thought they had all the brains in the city and that the mayor and council were possessed of none at all.

Mr. Taylor completed an analysis of the company's argument by asserting that it was right enough that corporations should be given a reasonable degree of protection, but that they should not be given the whole earth.

The disputed clause read as follows:

1. To compel existing telephone, electric light or power companies, whether operating under special or private Acts or otherwise, to place all wires and means of transmitting electric power, light, heat or energy underground, the municipality paying the cost of removal and replacing of any such means of transmission less an amount equal to the difference between the amount to be paid and the amount to be received by the company for the removal of the same.

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**NATURAL FORCES
IN FINANCE**

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CHANGED CONDITIONS**

**Future of Market Uncertain—
No Extreme Fluctuations
Expected.**

New York, Feb. 15.—On the stock exchange during the week there were a number of important fluctuations which contributed more or less activity in special stocks, but a comparatively quiet market in others. The recent panic, however, is gradually becoming a matter of history, and its effects in the financial district are disappearing by degrees. Confidence has certainly recovered considerably, and the money market has settled down into more normal conditions. Loanable funds on good collateral are plentiful, and good borrowers find no difficulty in securing all the accommodation they need at comparatively low rates.

The relief developed in the money market has been the result of unimpeded workings of natural forces. It can safely be said that readjustment in the money market has been more complete, as well as more rapid, than in any other department of business. This is important because it paves the way for readjustment elsewhere. We are still descending from an abnormal level to the normal, and the process naturally goes on more smoothly in some divisions than in others. In the stock market, for instance, the readjustment has been much more emphasized than in the merchandise markets. There has been no organized or artificial resistance to a decline in the rates for money. There has been some concerted opposition to the decline in stocks, but beyond the effort to check the panic, there was nothing remarkable to interfere with the readjustment in securities. In the main the stock market has had a quiet course during the last three months.

In the commodity markets, however, especially manufactured products, the situation is radically different; for in that quarter there are very few industries which are not more or less under the domination of great combinations, whose policy has distinctly been to sustain values in spite of declining demand. The wholesale effort to check the operations of natural law marks a new and hazardous tendency in business affairs. In previous panics, the trusts had not attained such power over the markets as they now possess, and prices were left to adjust themselves in accordance with the fluctuations of supply and demand. While this may

have caused occasional dissatisfaction, it was in the main beneficial; because it was the true course for readjustment and afforded buyers a chance of exercising individual judgment. Now conditions are completely changed, and prices of many commodities are held at or near the old figures regardless of ordinary market conditions and the necessity for commercial as well as financial liquidation. As a result of the panic, there has been a sharp contraction in the demand for many articles. New enterprises have been checked; many bands are out of employment and consumption has consequently declined quite sharply. Under natural conditions prices would be reduced at such times in order to revive demand and encourage resumption of enterprise through diminished costs of production. To-day, however, the full resumption of business activity is positively retarded by the obstinate refusal of the trusts whether of capital or of labor to adjust themselves to the changed conditions.

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In the stock market a fair degree of activity prevails. Transactions were somewhat limited by the holiday; also by the disposition to await results of the city bond sale. Conditions for the latter were more favorable than at any time of the previous issue in September, not only is money much easier and more plentiful, but confidence is stronger and for some weeks past there has been a good demand for high-class bonds. A good deal of criticism has been heard as to the enormous borrowings of New York city, for which there is more or less good reason; and while the rapidity with which this issue was taken is encouraging, the city government should take note of the fact that the same is true of the several which have been imposed upon the city's credit, and that there should be a policy of curtailment in the extravagant expenditures which have characterized New York's city government for several years past.

Madcap extravagance is just as sure to exact its penalties as the extravagance of individuals and private corporations. As soon as the nominations are decided upon some opinion can be formed as to the latter. Meanwhile, it will be advisable to avoid heavy commitments on either side of the market, and to avail of the wide fluctuations hereafter, which will be frequent for both buying and selling. Otherwise buy when down and sell when up.

Henry Clews.

A man eighty years of age and a woman of seventy-two closed from a home near Bremen because they were refused permission to marry. A week after they returned to the establishment, stating that they had been married and had spent all their money in buying a good time.

**HAMS REDUCED
ONE QUARTER**

**EGGS ARE SELLING
FIVE CENTS LOWER**

**New Vegetables on the Market,
Home Grown and Im-
ported.**

The downward move in the price of food products, as predicted by the Times, is going on steadily. There is very little upward move in anything, but scarcely a week passes without at least one or two staples going lower. This week there is an all-round drop in the price of hams. American hams have been retarding at 25c. a pound, and the B. C. brand at 22c. Now each has been reduced to 20c., a considerable reduction on a staple article. Bacon remains the same for the present, but it is altogether likely that it will follow the lead downwards.

The spring weather of the last week or two has affected the supply of fresh eggs, and the increased supply has affected the market. The Island eggs are now selling at 40c. a dozen, California at 35c. and packed eggs at 30c. This means that the consumption will increase, for they are now coming within reach of the ordinary consumer.

Spring vegetables are coming in from the south; cauliflower, Brussels sprouts and celery from California; and tomatoes from Mexico, are arriving in large quantities. Cucumbers grown under glass locally are being sold at 25c. each, not expensive for this time of year.

The naval oranges this year are very plentiful, and the quality is good. The stores and warehouses are stacked up with piles of boxes of the fruit, which has just arrived.

The retail prices are as follows:

Garden Produce—	
Rhubarb, per 2 bundles	12c
Cauliflower, each	2c
Cabbage, per lb.	3
Turnips, per lb.	3
Celeri	1c
Hams (B.C.), per lb.	20
Bacon (B.C.), per lb.	20
Hams (American), per lb.	20
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Bacon (rolled), per lb.	15c
Shoulders, per lb.	15
Bacon (long clear), per lb.	15
Beef, per lb.	10c
Pork, per lb.	10c
Mutton, per lb.	12c

Lamb, hindquarter	1.50	1.75
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Veal, per lb.	12c	15
Suet, per lb.	15	
Farm Produce—		
Fresh Island Eggs	40	
California Eggs	35	
Fresh Eastern Eggs	20	
Bird Dairy Butter	20c	40
Butter (Creamery)	45	
Cheese	25	
Elder, per lb.	30	
Hungarian Flour—		
Ogilvie's Royal Household, per sack	2.00	
Ogilvie's Royal Household, per bbl.	7.5	
Lake of Woods, per sack	1.00	
Lake of Woods, per bbl.	7.5	
Granagae, per sack	3.00	
Okanagan, per bbl.	7.5	
Calgary Hungarian, per sack	1.00	
Moose Jaw, per sack	1.75	
Moose Jaw, per bbl.	1.00	
Excelsior, per sack	2.00	
Excelsior, per bbl.	7.5	
Oak Lake, per sack	2.00	
Oak Lake, per bbl.	7.5	
Hudson's Bay, per sack	2.00	
Hudson's Bay, per bbl.	7.5	
Edmonton, per sack	2.00	
Edmonton, per bbl.	7.5	
Pastry Flours—		
Snowflake, per sack	1.70	
Snowflake, per bbl.	6.75	
O. K. Best Pastry, per sack	1.70	
O. K. Best Pastry, per bbl.	6.50	
O. K. Four Star, per sack	1.70	
O. K. Four Star, per bbl.	6.50	
Dried Snow, per sack	1.70	
Dried Snow, per bbl.	6.50	
Ground Flour—		
Wheat, per ton	36.00	27.00
Wheat, per lb.	24	
Oats, per ton	25.00	27.00
Rolled Oats (B. & K.), 7-lb. sk.	45	
Rolled Oats (B. & K.), 25-lb. sk.	125	
Rolled Oats (B. & K.), 50-lb. sk.	235	
Rolled Oats (B. & K.), 10-lb. sk.	60	
Cracked Wheat, 10-lb. sk.	60	
Wheat Flakes, per packet	1.70	
Whole Wheat Flour, 10-lb. sk.	45	
Graham Flour, 10 lbs.	45	
Graham Flour, 50 lbs.	1.60	
Feed—		
Hay (baled), new, per ton	25.00	
Straw, per ton	75	
Wool, per ton	22.00	
Wool, 50-lb. sack	2.35	
Oatmeal, 50-lb. sack	65	
Ground Wheat, 10 lbs.	60	
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This Season gifts to the bride will, it is foretold, frequently take the form of an ornament she can wear. By so doing donors may avoid giving presents of an absurd character and may bestow something of real service.

BROOCHES OR BRACELETS

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"THE TRAIN WRECKER"

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Continuous Show Daily from 2 to 10:30 p. m.

Programme changes every Monday.

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STARTS TO-NIGHT.

THURSDAY, 17th

Six Entries.

ASSEMBLY ROLLER RINK

PORT STREET.

Admission 10c.

Race 9 p. m.

CAFE OWNER FINED.

Bold Milk Which Fell Below Required Standard.

Vancouver, Feb. 19.—For having in his possession milk which was below the standard set by the provincial regulations governing the sale of milk, John Chong, proprietor of the B. C. cafe on Westminster avenue, was fined \$50 and costs by Magistrate William in the police court yesterday morning.

AVENGER BUSY AT NEW WESTMINSTER

Four Residents Go to Their Home in the Past Few Days.

New Westminster, Feb. 19.—Mrs. Howard Taylor, a well known Ladner resident, died at the Royal Columbian hospital in this city yesterday morning, typhoid fever being the cause of death. Her husband has been invalid for eleven years, suffering from rheumatism, and is at present an inmate of the hospital at which she died.

Mrs. Taylor was one of the most successful farmers of the Delta, in spite of the fact that she had to carry on the work single-handed, and only recently she purchased a large farm operated for many years by H. M. Vasey. Mrs. Taylor was but 38 years of age, and she leaves one daughter 18 years of age, who is living with her grandmother, Mrs. Matheson, of Ladner.

Samuel Preston, a resident of this city for the past twenty years, died at the Royal Columbian hospital from cancer. The deceased was 53 years of age, and a native of New Brunswick. He leaves a wife, three children and a brother resident here. The children are Mrs. Sidney Gregory, Vernon Preston and Raymond Preston, while the brother is Robert Preston, the well known lumberman and tugboat owner. Mrs. Captain J. Mayers is also a sister of the deceased. The interment will take place at the I. O. O. F. cemetery Thursday afternoon.

John Montgomery, a well known resident of Langley, died on Saturday. He was 58 years of age.

William Lindsay, a native of Scotland, died at one of the city hospitals on Monday. He was 53 years of age.

LULU ISLAND BRIDGE.

New Westminster, Feb. 19.—Engineer J. A. L. Waddell, of Kansas City, who is at present at Vancouver, has submitted an estimate of the cost of the proposed Lulu Island steel bridge in this city, which he set at \$76,000. The specifications he worked on, however, are not in accordance with the city plans, and he will be asked to submit another estimate.

HINDUS' ROOMS BURNED.

New Westminster, Feb. 19.—A large building in the West End, owned by Lee Coy and occupied by Hindus, was gutted by fire last night. The city has been negotiating with the owners for its destruction for some time.

OLD TRAIL HOUSE

Historic Land Mark—Built by Col. E. S. Topping Has Been Destroyed.

FLAMES WIPE OUT

Trail, Feb. 19.—A few evenings ago fire was discovered in the old Trail house on the Bowery. The fire spread rapidly and in a very few minutes this historic land mark, which was the first hostelry in the city, was enveloped in flames.

The fire brigade was promptly on hand and soon had a stream of water playing on the burning building with and a line of hose laid from the hydrant on Victoria street. The heat was intense from the now furiously burning building and the old Kaiser house, some 30 feet distant across the narrow street, was threatened, and the firemen devoted their energies towards saving this building. In the meantime the reel from the Gulch was brought down and a line of hose laid from the hydrant at Gill's store.

With two streams now playing on the flames the brigade began to get the upper hand and gradually the fire was got under control. An old store building in the rear was several times on fire but beyond a bad scorching to the building no damage was done.

The fact that the night was perfectly calm and from 10 to 12 inches of snow covered the roofs of the adjoining buildings, was a big factor in assisting the firemen in preventing the spread of the fire.

The Trail house was built by Col. E. S. Topping in the pioneer days of the city. The original structure was of log, and as the city grew and prospered the large frame annex was built. The building was unoccupied since 1902. The origin of the fire points to a strange case of incendiarism.

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When you take FERROZONE it passes at once into the blood circulation. By a harmless secret process it filters out and dissolves every trace of rheumatic poison.

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Why suffer and lose sleep, better to toss out experimental remedies and use the one that does cure.

All dealers sell Ferrozone, in 50c boxes. Get it without delay.

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News From Four Corners of B. C.

Interesting Happenings Gleaned From All Sources in the Province.

KAMLOOPS TO HAVE FRUIT CANNERY

Company Organized to Operate Plant in Thompson Valley District.

Kamloops, Feb. 19.—After carefully investigating the local conditions, marketing possibilities, and the experience of other localities where similar conditions obtain, a number of local gentlemen have decided to establish a cannery for fruit and vegetables at Kamloops. A canvas was made of the district before arriving at this decision and the support received more than justifies the promoters in the belief that the success of the enterprise is assured from the very beginning. In order to carry the project into effect a company has been organized under the title of the Thompson Valley Canning Company, limited, with a capital of \$15,000, divided into 3,000 shares of \$5 each.

The provisional directors of the company are: Frank Rushton, chairman; A. E. McIglen, Dr. M. S. Wade, C. H. Strutt, treasurer; and W. T. Slavin, secretary. A large block of shares has already been subscribed for, and it is expected that the whole issue will be taken up within a few days.

As soon as a site is fixed upon the work of putting up the necessary buildings and installing the machinery will be proceeded with, as it is the intention of the company to have everything ready to handle this year's crop. This year it is expected that the produce that will be canned will consist mainly of tomatoes, beans and corn, but the first named will be the main product of the cannery. Tomatoes grow and ripen to perfection in this district and the cannery will relieve growers of any anxiety as to the disposal of the surplus crop. This will enable them to stiffen the price of the fresh article, while assuring them of a profitable return for labor expended in producing the crop.

It is not intended to confine the operations of the cannery entirely to local produce. Arrangements will be made for the handling of produce from all parts of the Thompson valley so that the interests of the whole district will be served.

INDUCTION OF MINISTER

Vancouver, Feb. 19.—The ceremony connected with the induction of Rev. J. W. Woodside, which took place in the Mount Pleasant Presbyterian church last night, was witnessed by a large number of people, every available seat in the church being occupied. The sermon was preached by Rev. D. A. Macne, Rev. J. D. Gilliam, of North Vancouver, addressed his audience, having refused to grant him his liberty under the habeas corpus application made through his attorney.

The case has attracted a great deal of interest on both sides of the line, as Kellogg was a young officer of brilliant attainments in the United States army.

While the guest of a general he abstracted a number of blank pay warrants, which he later filled out and forged the signature of Col. Robinson, formerly army paymaster at Seattle. Proceedings were taken in respect of two warrants for \$3,000 and \$2,500 respectively, cashed in California. Kellogg fled to Canada and was arrested in Kamloops, where his case has been before the courts for some time.

Colonel Dudley, U. S. counsel at Vancouver, acted on behalf of his government in the prosecution. Every other effort on behalf of the prisoner's counsel having failed application for his release under habeas corpus was made, and word was received that this had been refused by the Chief Justice. Kellogg will accordingly have to go back to Chicago to stand his trial before the American courts.

PIONEER'S FUNERAL

Large Numbers Paid Tribute to Late Col. J. T. Scott.

New Westminster, Feb. 19.—The remains of the late Colonel J. T. Scott, of Port Moody, were laid at rest in the Masonic cemetery in this city this afternoon in the presence of a large gathering of relatives and friends, the latter including many old pioneers of this city and district.

The funeral was one of the largest ever seen in New Westminster. The Masons of the city attended in a body.

Under Marshal T. A. Muir, while the services were conducted by Chaplin Rev. J. S. Henderson and Worshipful Master Mum, of Union Lodge, of which deceased was a member. May Queen Miss Annie Tidy and her maids, as well as her guards of honor and the Boys' Brigade also attended. The pallbearers were Messrs. John Weaver, Alexander Mackay and Robert Emma, of Port Moody, and S. H. Thompson, of Union Lodge, this city.

PEACE RIVER MURDER

Death of G. W. Coleman Accomplished Within B. C. Boundary—The Accused.

Kamloops, Feb. 19.—A few days ago Staff-Sergeant K. F. Anderson and his enemies and in order to escape to the provincial jail here. Frederick James Trumper, charged with the murder of Geo. W. Coleman on November 25th last in the Peace River district, Coleman's partner, who was not at home when the crime was committed, returned, and finding the dead body, rode out and gave information to the police. It was at first thought that the scene of the crime lay in Alberni, but an examination of the survey lines proved it to be two or three miles within the British Columbia boundary. Some time must elapse before the preliminary hearing can take place, owing to the difficulty of bringing witnesses from that distance.

JUMPS FROM FIRE ESCAPE.

Vancouverite Under Hallucination Nearly Kills Himself.

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ROYAL CITY MARRIAGE.

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FRIENDLY HELP SOCIETY.

Call Will Be Issued in Vancouver Asking for Aid.

Vancouver, Feb. 19.—At a recent meeting of the Friendly Help Society it was decided to issue a call to citizens who might have second-hand clothing still capable of doing service. Last year the organization collected a large amount of second-hand clothing and its donations were acceptable to many families, doing great good. As the society has now a large number of cases on its books it is hoped to duplicate this service this year.

TO PRESERVE GAME FISH IN KETTLE RIVER

Recommendations Passed by Greenwood Association Sent to Ottawa.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NECHACO VALLEY

Influx to B. C. Agricultural District Will Commence Next May.

Vancouver, Feb. 19.—Nechaco Valley in Cariboo district, which will be traversed by the Grand Trunk Pacific railway, will be the objective this spring of hundreds of settlers from the middle states.

Twenty-two thousand acres of land

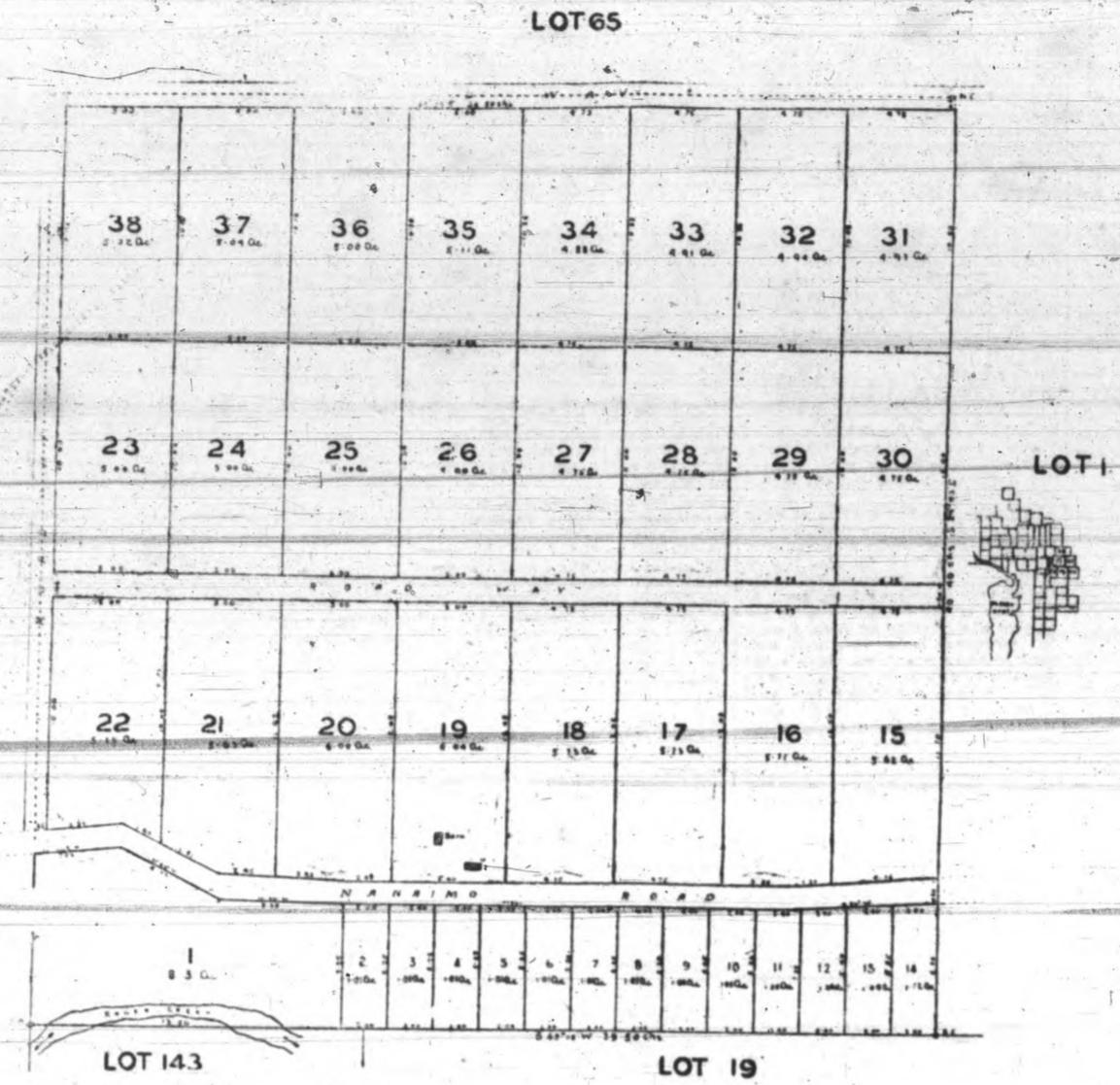
Have You Bought Lots in Block 18, Alberni, Yet?

If not, you'll have to hurry. Only 31 lots for sale as per enclosed plan and 14 of these have already been sold. The property is choice located, being on the main trunk road between Alberni and Nanaimo, and only 25 minutes from the postoffice. The C. P. R. trains will be running into Alberni in one year. Already two of the largest sawmill companies in the world, with an individual capacity of 500,000 ft. daily, have secured locations, and according to their agreement with the Land Company, have to be in operation in one year. Other improvements are under way, and 33 ft. lots in Alberni are selling to-day at \$1,000 each. Lots in 18 are divided into 1 acre and 6 acres blocks at

**\$100 to \$400
Each**

block, with frontage on the main wagon road. That means 36 60 ft. lots for \$400, or 6 lots in each acre block for \$100.

What Will These Lots Be
Worth in One Year?



To the investor it is a splendid opportunity to make money, or to those desiring a home in the new city, no more favorable location could be desired, with the satisfaction of knowing that every month is bound to add increased value to the property.

We Have Personally Inspected the Property

and can recommend it in every way, but if you are not satisfied with what we tell you, we will be pleased to have you wire (at our expense) any personal friend in Alberni for his opinion of the property.

Lots 5, 7, 14, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 35, 36, 37, 38 are sold.

Terms Third Cash

Balance to Suit Your Convenience

McConnell & Taylor, Agents, Cor. Gov't and Fort Streets, Upstairs.

Mr. Wm. Archibald, W. J. Hanna, A. E. Allan, W. Humphrey, C. J. Brownrigg, L. Casey, A. E. Kent, W. R. Findlay, W. M. Frost, C. H. Ormond, James McKenzie, John T. Deville, H. Brethour, W. A. Turner, Capt. J. G. Cox, W. R. Rosen, George D. Wash.

Among those who took part in the discussion were C. Dubois Mason, E. McPherson, W. J. Sutton and Dr. T. J. Jones.

Several new nominations were made from the floor after the nominating committee had reported but the only member who allowed his name to go to the meeting was Alex. Peden. He was not elected, the selection of the committee being adopted as follows:

Honorary President — Hon. James Dunsmuir, Lieutenant-governor of British Columbia.

President — Judge P. Lampman.
First vice-president — A. E. McPherson, K. C., M. P. P.



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Literary Correspondent Canadian Club.

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been of a very pleasant nature. He hoped the members would support the new president as loyally as they had the past. He moved a vote of thanks to the press, to whom he said much of the success of the club was due, which was also carried enthusiastically.

Judge Lampman said that he had accepted the office with much diffidence as he was reluctant to follow such an energetic officer as the one now retiring. He had set a pace which it was difficult to follow. In referring humorously to the time spent in discussing the constitution, he said he thought it would be a good idea to lose the constitution this year.

After the events of the last month the new president said it made a man careful as to what he said. He referred to President Minard, of the Boston Canadian Club, in which he had undertaken to say what Canada would do in the case of war between Britain and some other power. He thought that any such statement would have

42 members of the legislature who will be present on the occasion so that at least one hundred guests will be entertained. The veterans of the war will appear in their war-worn clothes and it is expected that the occasion will be the greatest yet in the history of the club. The oration will be delivered by D. M. Eberts, speaker for the house, who it was thought better than anyone else was in a position to speak for the legislature as a whole.

The new executive is an exceedingly strong one and without exception, the members have agreed to serve. The new president is a native born Canadian and comes from stout old United Empire Loyalist stock.

WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

Victoria Meteorological Office, 12th to 18th February, 1908.

During the greater part of the week an important high barometric area has covered the North Pacific States, while over British Columbia areas of low pressure from the ocean have crowded into the Eastern provinces. On the 15th a disturbance moved up the Washington coast causing a fresh northeasterly gale on the outside waters with maximum wind velocity of 62 miles at the mouth of the Columbia River, but the disturbance quickly passed and the pressure filled up again, and the pressure continued high during the rest of the week. The rainfall has been rather in excess of the normal amount. The snowfall occurred on the higher tablelands. In this province and the adjoining states the temperatures west of the Rockies have been abnormally high. In the northern districts the cold weather has continued nearly all the week though moderated at Atlin towards the close. In the Prairie provinces the pressure has varied considerably throughout the week snowfall has been very excessive and temperatures have not been excessive for the season.

At the close of the week the pressure is high over the greater part of the western section of the continent, with a low area over the northern districts of the British provinces and a blizzard with a strong northeasterly gale and over a foot of snow at Chicago.

At Victoria there registered 9 hours of bright sunshine; highest temperature 47° on 16th; lowest 32° on 12th; rain 1.15 inches.

At Vancouver: highest 50 on 14th; lowest 31 on 12th; rain 1.72 inches.

At New Westminster: highest 50 on 14th; lowest 32 on 12th; rain 1.14 inches.

At Kamloops: highest 40 on 10th; lowest 20 on 18th; no precipitation.

At Barkerville: highest 33 on 15th; lowest zero on 12th; rain 3.60 inches.

At Prince Rupert: highest 38 on 12th; lowest 28 on 12th; rain 1.14 inches.

At Atlin: highest 34 on 15th; lowest 12 on 16th; no precipitation.

At Dawson: highest 6 on 14th; lowest 22 on 18th; no precipitation.

Summary of the weather for the month of January, 1908:

	Rain	Snow	Total	Inches
Victoria	5.16	61	222	
New Westminster	5.16	60	221	
Kamloops	1.81	1.81	3.62	
Barkerville	16	2.65	32	
Port Simpson	5.28	25.00	30.28	
Atlin	10.80	1.06	11.86	
Holmy Island	11.15	trace	11.15	
Jetts Island	8.90	3.96	12.86	
Denman Island	12.85	trace	12.85	
Beaver Lake	4.28	50	50.28	
Lakeview	10.47	6.67	17.14	
Alberni (Beaver Creek)	11.58	5.59	12.17	

come with better grace from a Canadian living this side of the boundary line, rather than from Boston (God knows). Mr. Minard, he continued, may express the sentiments of those south of the boundary line but even of that he was not sure. The speech he was sure did not reflect the opinions of the Canadians at large.

Canon Beanlands, the newly elected vice-president, thanked the club for the honor done him. He would spare no effort to make the coming year as successful as the previous one.

J. J. White, of Sidney, who was in town especially for the occasion, thought the club should officially repudiate the remarks of Mr. Minard, but the majority thought it better to ignore them.

It was decided that all veterans of the South African war should be guests of the club next week at the luncheon at the Empress hotel. There were also

Nanaimo ... 9.83 ... 9.83 ... 5th and 6th, lowest 21 below on 31st, mean 18.1.
Steveston ... 4.96 ... 4.96 ... 18.1.
Vernon ... 10.50 ... 10.50 ... 24th, lowest 24.5 on 31st, mean 42.0.
Cowichan (Tzouhali), 9.16 ... 9.16 ... North Nicomen, highest temperature 54.0 on 31st, 6th, lowest 11.5 below on 31st, mean 22.8.
Goldstream ... 9.59 ... 13.00 ... 10.82 ... 6th, on 5th and 6th, lowest 11.5 below on 31st, mean 22.8.
Summerland ... 9.7 ... 2.70 ... 4.4 ... Nicola, highest temperature 42.0 on 31st and 6th, lowest 11.5 below on 31st, mean 22.8.
Nas Harbor ... 4.22 ... 27.00 ... 6.92 ... Golden, highest temperature 37.0 on 6th, lowest 25.0 below on 31st, mean 15.5.
Rivers Inlet ... 9.64 ... 6.56 ... 10.50 ... Kelowna, highest temperature 44.0 on 31st, mean 22.8.
Salmon Arm ... 5.1 ... 17.80 ... 2.50 ... 6th, lowest 3 below on 31st, mean 27.8.
Nicola Plate (Hedley) ... 25.00 ... 25.00 ... 25.00 ... 6th, lowest 6 below on 31st, mean 27.8.
Crawford Bay ... 6.0 ... 12.10 ... 1.31 ... 6th, lowest 6 below on 31st, mean 27.8.
Quinsel ... 5.6 ... 4.20 ... 9.44 ... 6th, lowest 3 below on 31st, mean 27.8.

THE WINDS OF THE WORLD.

Fight Between the Monsoons—Local Breezes and Some of Their Effects.

Being credibly informed the other day by a queer old man of the seafaring persuasion that the south-east monsoon was still fighting the north-east monsoon, to see which would conquer, and the information being followed by a dissertation on the failure of the two monsoons owing to the same perversity of a veteran sailing superfluous on the stage when he ought to have left the boards empty for the keen north-easter, it occurred to me that there was a considerable amount of information to be obtained about winds without discoursing on windiness.

Until one actually experiences it there is a lot of talk and blustering around the outskirts of the word monsoon. We speak of the monsoon being late or early of the east coast being practically closed, unless we go down to the sea in ships the wind affects us but little. In the great continents of India and Australia, however, the breaking of the rains is a matter of real moment, of general interest to all. It is a painful and keenest anxiety to many, and in such cases the word is fraught with a meaning which is greater than ever book conveyed to the mind of man.

Apart from the winds of regular habit, there are the many local winds which occur in different parts of the world and are generally unkind in character. Of such may be mentioned the Simeon, Simeon Maranham, — the Puna of Peru, the bitter north-east of Britain, the Mistral of Marseilles and that of the Pampero of the Andes. With all these local breezes, though in fact they are offshoots of gales of some velocity, many curious effects are coupled, and one of the most noticeable of these is that the blowing of the genuine northeaster at home always coincident with the greatest number of deaths from consumption and brain disease.

There is here opened up a wide field of most interesting research for the amateur of weather study and humanity, for the effect of wind on sentient beings has never been as deeply considered as it might be. Thus in the lower planes of life the animals are distinctly affected by winds, and in particular cats, as any one can remember if they consider the peculiarity of cats when high winds are blowing. Cattle, too, are very susceptible to winds, and possibly more to the combination of wind, while the blowing of a norwester will exhilarate some temperaments in a manner not quite the same as anything else will.—Singapore Free Press.

LIVED ON CORPSES.
Man Said to Have Found Food in Graves.

The Paris Matin publishes the following information:—A man who was arrested was announced from Yegla, in the province of Murcia, of a man who is said to have been in the habit of dismembering bodies in churchyards and using them as food. At the moment of his arrest the man was engaged in burning human remains which he declared were the leavings of a meal. In his house the police found a number of large jars containing pieces of human bodies preserved in oil, brine, and vinegar. According to another version these were intended for sale. The man is believed not to be a murderer but a pickpocket.

PREMIER SKATING COUNTRY.
It is probably safe to say that Austria has produced more fine skaters than any other country. One may instance G. Hugel, who was the world's champion on three occasions. G. Fuchs, who obtained that honor in 1896, Edward E. Heimann, twice European champion, and Max Bohatsch, who has likewise been champion of Europe. After these three Austria has provided many skaters quite in the first-class. As befits a nation of dancers, its skaters display remarkable delicacy, lightness of touch, and harmony, and in skating to music their rhythm is matchless.



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THE YELLOW GOD

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CHAPTER XVI (Continued).

Now Alan, looking about him, saw that immediately beneath the dais and between them and the edge of the water, were gathered his cannibal friends, the Ogula and Fahl, their chief, who had rowed him to Asikiland, and with them the messengers whom they had sent on ahead. Also he saw that their arms were tied behind them, and that they were guarded by men dressed like devils and armed with spears.

"Ask Fahl why he and his people are bound," said Alan, "and why they have not returned to their own country."

Jeeki obeyed, putting the question in the Ogula language, wherein the poor men turned and began to implore Alan to save their lives, Fahl adding that he had been told they were to be killed that night.

"Why are these men to be slain?" asked Alan of the Asika.

"Because I have learned that they attacked you in your own country. Verily," she answered, "and would have killed you had it not been for Little Bonsa; it is therefore right that they should die as an offering to you."

"I refuse the offering since afterwards they dealt well with me. Set them free, and let them return to their own land, Asika."

"That cannot be," she replied coldly. "Here they are and here they remain. Still their lives are yours to take or to spare, so keep them as your servants if you will," and bending down she issued a command which was instantly obeyed by the men dressed like devils cut the bonds of the Ogula, and brought them round to the back of the dais, where they stood, blessing Alan loudly in their own tongue.

Then the ceremonies began with a kind of infernal ballet. On the smooth space between them and the water's edge appeared male and female bands of dancers who emerged from the shadows. For the most part they were dressed in like animals, and imitated the cries of the beasts that they represented, although some of them wore no clothing whatsoever. To the sound of wild music of horns and drums these creatures danced a kind of insane quadrille, which seemed to suggest everything that is cruel and vile upon the earth. They danced and danced, there in the moonlight till the madmen spread from them to the thousands who were gathered upon the further side of the water, for presently all of these began to dance also. Nor did it stop there, since at length the Asika rose from her chair upon the dais, and joined in the performance with the Mungana, her husband. Even Jeeki began to prance and shout behind, so that at last Alan and the Ogula alone remained still and silent in the midst of a scene and a noise which might have been that of hell let loose.

Leaving go of her husband, the Asika bounded up to Alan, and tried to drag him from his chair, thrusting her gold mask against his mask. He refused to move, and after a while she left him and returned to the Mungana. Louder and louder brayed the music and beat the drums, wilder and wilder grew the shrieks. Individuals fell exhausted, and were thrown into the water, where they sank or floated away on the slow-moving stream, as part of some inexplicable play that was being enacted.

Then suddenly the Asika stood still and threw up her arms, wherein all the thousands present stood still also. Again she threw up her arms, and they fell upon their faces and lay as though they were dead. A third time she threw up her arms, and they rose and remained so silent that the only sound to be heard was that of their thick breathing. They were dead, or rather screamed, saying:

"Little Bonsa has come back again, bringing with her the white man whom she left away," and all the audience answered, "Little Bonsa has come back again. Once more we see her on the head of the Asika as on fathers' did. Give her a sacrifice. Give her the white man."

"Nay," she screamed back, "the white man is mine. I name him as the next Mungana."

"Oho!" roared the audience. "Oho! she names him as the next Mungana. Good-bye, old Mungana! Greeting, new Mungana! When will be the marriage feast?"

"Tell us, Mungana, tell us," cried the Asika, patting her wretched husband on the cheek. "Tell us when you mean to die, as you are bound to do."

"On the night of the second full moon from now," he answered, with a terrible groan that seemed to be wrung out of his very heart, "on that night my soul shall be eaten up and my day done. But till then I am lord of the Asika, and if she forgets it death shall be her portion, according to the ancient law."

Alan shut his eyes, and when at length, drawn by some fearful fascination, he opened them once more, it was to see that the three poor creatures had thrown themselves into the water, where they rolled over and over like wounded porpoises, till presently they sank and vanished there.

This farce, for they so considered it, being ended and the stage, so to speak, cleared, the audience having laughed until their hoarse, set itself to watch the proceedings of the newly chosen high-priest of Little Bonsa, who now had recovered from the blow dealt to him by one of the unfeathered scabs. With the help of some other priests it was engaged in binding the fetish on to a little raft of reeds. This done, he laid himself flat upon a broad plank which had been laid ready for him at the edge of the water, placing the mask in front of him, and with a few strokes of his feet, that hung over the sides of the plank, paddled himself out to the centre of the canal where the god called Big Bonsa floated, or was anchored. Having reached it he pushed the little raft off the plank into the water, and in some way that Alan could not see, made it fast to Big Bonsa, so that now the two of them floated one behind the

eye-holes of his mask he contemplated her with loathing and alarm.

At the moment, indeed, she was not a pleasing spectacle, for in the heat and excitement of her mad dance she had cast off her gold breastplate or stomacher, leaving herself naked except for her kirtle, and the thin spangled robe upon her shoulders, over which streamed her black, disordered hair. Contrasting strangely in the silver moonlight with her glistening copper-colored body, the mask of Little Bonsa on her head glared round with its fixed crystal eyes and fiendish smile as she turned her long neck from side to side. Soon thus, she scarcely looked human, and Alan's heart was filled with pity for the poor, bedizened wretch she named her husband, who had just been forced to announce the date of his own suicide.

Soon, however, he forgot it, for a new act in the drama had begun. Two priests, clad in horns and tails, leapt on to the dais, and at a signal unloosed the mask of Little Bonsa. Now the Asika lifted it from her streaming face and held it on high, then she lowered it to the level of her breast, and held it in both hands walked to the edge of the dais, whereon priests disguised as fiends began to leap at it, striving to reach it with their fingers and snatch it from her grasp. One by one they leapt with the most desperate energy, each man being allowed to make three attempts, and Alan noted that this novel jumping competition was watched with the deepest interest by all the audience, at the time he knew not why.

The first two were evidently elderly men, who failed to come anywhere near the mark. Their failure was received with shouts of derision. They sank exhausted to the ground, and from the motion of his body Alan could see that one of them was weeping. The others remained silent, while a younger man advanced, and at the third try almost grasped the fetish. Indeed, he would have grasped it had he not met with foul play, for the Asika seeing that he was about to succeed, lifted it an inch or two, so that he also missed, and with a groan joined the band of the defeated. Next, appeared a fourth priest even more horribly arrayed than those who went before him, but Alan noticed that his mask was of the lightest, and that his garments consisted chiefly of paint, the main idea of his make-up being that of a skeleton. He was a thin, active fellow, and all the watching thousands greeted him with a shout. For a few seconds he stood back gazing at the mask as a wolf might at an unapproachable bone. Then suddenly he began to swim with a deliberate motion across the stream until reaching the man. It seemed to rear itself up and pounce him with its snout in the chest as a turtle might do. Then it sank again into the water and slowly floated back to its station, directed by some agency or power that Alan could not discover.

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More than satisfied with this information, Alan went to bed. For hours after hour that night he lay tossing and turning, haunted by the recollection of

the dreadful sights that he had seen and of the horrible Asika, still naked, glaring at him amorously through the crystal eyes of Little Bonsa. When at last he fell asleep, it was to dream that he was alone in the water with the god, which pursued him as a shark pursues a shipwrecked sailor. Never did he experience a nightmare that was half so awful. Only one thing could be more awful—the reality itself.

Meanwhile, at some sign from the Asika, all the scores of priests and priestesses who were dressed as devils had fled off to right and left, and vanished presumably to cross the water by bridges or boats that were out of sight. At any rate now they began to appear upon its further side and to wind their way singly among the thousand of the Asika people who were gathered from the rocky slope beyond in order to witness this fearsome entertainment.

Alan observed that the spectators did not appear to appreciate the arrival amongst them of these priests, from whom they seemed to edge away. Indeed, many of them rose and fled to depart altogether, only to be driven back to their places by a double line of soldiers armed with spears, who now for the first time became visible, ringing in the audience. Other soldiers, and with them bodies of men who looked like executioners, shrank themselves upon the further bank of the water and then marched off, disappearing to left and right.

"What's the matter now?" Alan asked of Jeeki over his shoulder.

"All in blue funk," whispered Jeeki back, "joke gone. Get to business now. Silly fools forgot that when they laugh so much. Both Bonsas very hungry, and Asika want wipe out old scores."

Presently Alan did see, for at some preconcerted signal, the devil priests, each of them, jumped with a yell at a person near to them, gripping him or her by the hair, whereon assistants rushed in and dragged them down to the bank of the canal. Here, to the number of a hundred or more, a walling, struggling mass, they were confined in a pen-like sheep. Then a bar was lifted and one of them allowed to escape, only to find himself in a kind of gangway which ran down into shallow water. Being forced along this he came to an open space of water exactly opposite to the floating fetishes, and there was kept a while by men armed with spears. As nothing happened they lifted their spears and the man bolted up an incline and was lost among the thousands of spectators.

The next one, evidently a person of rank, was not so fortunate. Jumping into the pool off the gangway, he stood there like a sheep about to be washed, the water reaching up to his middle. Then Alan saw a terrible thing, for suddenly the horrid golden head of Big Bonsa, towing Little Bonsa behind it, began to swim with a deliberate motion across the stream until reaching the man. It seemed to rear itself up and pounce him with its snout in the chest as a turtle might do. Then it sank again into the water and slowly floated back to its station, directed by some agency or power that Alan could not discover.

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